



# Queen Anne Cobblestone

*The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA*

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## History Under Your Feet—Our Annual Cemetery Tour June 26

The Society's **annual walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery** is coming up again, on **Saturday, June 26th at 10:00 am** at the entrance to the cemetery at 7th Ave. W. and W. Raye St.

Each year this two-hour tour entertains visitors and locals alike with informative and colorful stories of people who have shaped our community and the entire Northwest.

This year's tour will have a new and special focus. Intrepid researchers Kim Turner and Isabel Egglin have walked Mt. Pleasant's 40 acres and come up with many new grave sites, marking a cross section of occupations and professions that have contributed to our community.

**Join us on Saturday, June 26th at 10 am. Bring your walking shoes. The tour is free.**



*Woodmen of the World cemetery markers are found throughout the west.*

## Seattle After the Fire H.H. Richardson's Legacy Wed. May 26, 7:30 pm

The May meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society will feature **Jeffrey Karl Ochsner**, Queen Anne resident and professor of architecture at the U.W., discussing the rebuilding of Seattle after the Great Fire of June 1889. Ochsner, along with his **co-author Dennis Alan Anderson**, will describe their new book, "**Distant Corner**" examining the brief but powerful influence of architect H.H. Richardson on the building of America's cities, including Seattle.

He will describe the pre-fire downtown and its architecture; the technologies available to designers and builders; and the rise of Richardson and his influence in post-fire downtown Seattle. His influence can also be seen in our neighborhood fire houses, schools and other public buildings.

The May meeting is also the Society's Annual Membership Meeting and includes elections for Board members.



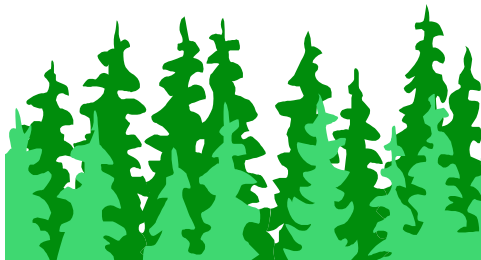
*Pioneer Building, designed by Elmer Fisher in Romanesque Revival style, 1889-91.*

**Join your neighbors at our next public meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 26, 7:30 pm**  
**McClure Middle School Library**  
**First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.**

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West

on Queen Anne. For more information,

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

**NOTICE!** Our membership year ends each May 31st. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows (2004EXP) it means your membership is ending NOW and it is time for you to renew. Please use the coupon on page 3 and renew now.** Your membership and involvement help to preserve our community's heritage. For more information, contact Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369. ....*Thanks for helping make this a great organization!*

## CALENDAR OF

### Wed. May. 26, 2004

*Program:* The Rebuilding of Seattle after the Great Fire, by Jeffrey Karl Ochsner and Dennis Alan Anderson. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### Sat. June 26, 2004

*Walking Tour:* The annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. 10:00 am. Meet at the entrance at 7th Ave W and W Raye St. Free.

### Sun. June 6, 2004

*St. Anne School Tour of Homes. Noon to 4 pm. Their annual fund-raising tour of Queen Anne homes. Information at 206-285-1100.*

### Sat. June 12, 2004

*Ballard Old House Tour by the Ballard Historical Society. 10 am to 3 pm. Information at 206-789-8866.*

### Wed. Sept. 22, 2004

*Program:* Subject still in work. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free

We were happy to have Dr. Kay with us, as she is well informed about the Denny family. Afterward we lunched on Ballard Ave. and heard Kay tell about the 27 mills in old Ballard, and whether there was a law requiring a church for every tavern: there was no such law. It was a nice day.

## NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVE BY BOB FRAZIER

### Remembering the Dennys

On Feb. 5th, four of your historians met at Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery, at 111th and Aurora Ave. N., to visit the David Denny gravesite. Dr. Kay Reinartz, Bob Frazier, John Hennes and Del Loder visited the large family plot just east of Aurora at the southeast end of that cemetery. The plot is large because the Dennys once owned the land.

There was David and Louisa, about whom we know so much. And there also was the rest of the family, occupying at least four rows of stones. There too was the large bush of sweetbrier roses, so closely associated with Louisa's home in Illinois and brought lovingly west on their journey to the future Seattle.

After taking several photos we left some roses of our own, along with a card from our Society thanking the Dennys for all they had done for our community.

Following our visit to Washelli we drove a few blocks south to N. 96th St. and Densmore Ave. N. There, kitty-corner from the northeast corner of Licton Springs Park, is the former home of Elizabeth Inez Denny. The original house has been remodeled and no longer shows some of the features that it had in a 1930s photo that we were consulting.

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John Hennes and Del Loder at Denny gravesite.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

## HERITAGE NEWS

### Old John Hay New Playground Dedicated May 1st

The exterior renovation of Old Hay is planned for 2005, but the tired old playground area at the Old Hay site is looking good these days. On May 1 the BOC School and the Friends of Old Hay dedicated the new playground that has been rebuilt over the last year.



International Chess Master Georgi Orlov directs students and local residents at the Old Hay open house, May 1.

Speakers included King County Councilman, Larry Phillips and School Superintendent Raj Manhas. Over 200 neighbors, parents and students enjoyed the new giant chess board, basketball court and learning garden. Our Society hosted a historical display.

### John Hay Historical Materials



### Sought—Can You Help?

The group of students shown above is the John Hay class of 1912. One of your relatives may be in this photo. For the open house at Old Hay described above our Society prepared a historical poster and notebooks of pictures like this and written recollections of the school. However, we have precious few such photos or stories and **could use your help** in

acquiring more.

If you have any material that you could loan to the Society for our copying please contact a member of the Board (see the list). Such materials will be of great value in future displays and for future research.

### Highland-Prospect Walking Tour Big Success

The April 10 walking tour of W. Highland Drive and W. Prospect St. took place on a beautiful day and drew over 60 participants. Tour organizer Del Loder had researched over 26 possible house histories. Tour guides Bruce Jones, John Hennes, Bob Frazier and Kim Turner added their own researched stories to Del's wonderful script.

These tours are intended to educate both newcomers to the hill and old timers, as well as ourselves. Every tour we give results in new stories coming in from members of the audience who grew up here. **Do you like to talk to people about our past? Come join in and help with the next tour.**



Bruce Jones reviews the now-missing Black House, across from Kerry Park, during the walking tour.

## THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Preservation – Are We Involved?

Hats off to Del Loder for leading the preparation of our recent, successful walking tour of Highland Drive. And thanks to all who attended. We even had attendees drive up from Federal Way and listen to your Society describe history as it once was along Highland and Prospect.

One very interesting, but quite sad, stop was of course the empty lot where the Black house, designed by Andrew Willatsen, once stood. Why wasn't it one of the Seattle Designated Landmarks, you ask? It might have been saved, or preserved. Surely it must have qualified, one wonders...but no one had the time or tenacity to nominate it. And so today it's gone.

Your Society's Board can't do it all. We need volunteers, who have interest and enthusiasm—even passion, who see a neighborhood future woven from a community's heritage, to add their ideas to ours. We've asked for volunteers to assist in landmarks preservation. We're asking again.

Maybe landmarks aren't your thing. Like puzzles? Detective stories? Who lived when and where? Much of research is like putting a puzzle together. It's another part where you can help.

Maybe you're into organizing. Please come organize our archives. We recently bought a computer to help you! Without you there aren't enough of us to get it done. Come help.

*Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.*

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**Return with payment to:** Queen Anne Historical Society,

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

**Soft cover: \$25**

**(\$20 for members)**

**Hard cover: \$45**

**(\$40 for members)**

Please send me the following:

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***Coming up:* Rebuilding Seattle's  
Architecture after the Fire, by Ochsner  
and Anderson, at the May 26th**

#### KIM'S MUSINGS

##### *Carnegie Was Never Like This*

Coming into a new environment which is in many ways the same as the old, but has major differences, is both a challenge and a thrill! I am sitting at my new worksite in the **new downtown library**, back at 4th and Madison (1000 4th Avenue)

This reminds me that in a mere ten years from now the Queen Anne Branch will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. Queen Anne High School's structure will celebrate its centennial in 2009, even though it is no longer a school, and many of the homes on Queen Anne will be or are celebrating their respective centennials this year and during the next six years. We should be considering the true centennial of the Hill in light of these events.

Facts to be learned and shared during the next decade: what was the first store on Queen Anne and where was it located? First businesses (other than lumber mills), first church and its location, etc. We have an obligation as historians to provide answers to those questions and others. Which was the first large family on the Hill; which at the foot of the Hill? We will try to answer these questions for you in upcoming issues of the

Cobblestone.

In the meantime, the new main library is sensational— colors, angles, curves, dimension— everything that can enrich your experience here. I think it is safe to say that no one who uses the new building will come away the same as before their visit. I understand from my co-workers that the expected crowd for opening day of the new downtown Library is no longer 30,000. They have upgraded the expected crowd to around 100,000. So plan on delays in getting from one level to the next if you are planning to attend the opening day ceremonies, **Sunday, May 23, 2004, at 10 a.m. and after.**

During the following week, we expect a goodly portion of the remaining Seattleites and our neighbors will be dropping by just to see what an incredible archive is housed here. I think that Seattle's weather patterns are going to enhance the colors within the building, as well as reflect the surrounding traffic and buildings outside.

I know I seem to be going over the top in my accolades to the new building, but I know that this is a major plus for the community. You, as our members and friends of the Queen Anne Historical Society, ought to take a minute to think of something which you can do

**Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?  
Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for  
more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**